

THROUGH THE STATE.  
MATTERS IN AND ABOUT A YOUNG CITY.

The Weather and the Crop--Tobacco--Bridges Washed Away--Improvements and Inducements.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)  
CHESAPEAKE, July 16, 1886.  
It rains nearly every day. A mass of unusual severity, with hail, passed over this place last Wednesday evening. It moved in an easterly direction, and its track was not over a mile wide. It did not injure anything materially.

Notwithstanding all the opposition of the elements, this will be a fair crop year for the highlands, and the people on the western report more damage from the recent overflows not as great as appearances first indicated. My information is derived from reliable men whom I met here from this and the adjoining counties. Of course there are some who are chronic grumblers, and would not order the weather to suit them if they had the power.

I am informed that out of eighteen county bridges in Lunenburg sixteen have been washed away this summer.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Picher, of Petersburg, baptized seventeen persons here last Sunday.

Evangelist J. E. Hinton has been conducting meetings at different places in this month in the county, and I am informed, the result of his labors has been very gratifying.

The Rev. Mr. J. E. Montague informed me that he had been addicted to the excessive use of tobacco, and one day, in preparing some food for his horse, a moccasin snake concealed near by bit him severely. He suffered intensely.

After recovering he could not use tobacco, and the taste and smell of it were sickening. The snake-bite entirely cured him as a tobacco-consumer.

Over one half of the last year's crop of tobacco has been marketed from this locality. The receipts here have been heavy, and the pounds sold show a marked increase over the corresponding time of last year. The extensive export of country now tributary to this place, and for which it is the most accessible market, will necessitate the erection of greater accommodations for the tobacco trade. The inducements and advantages offered to tobacco-manufacturers here are unsurpassed.

The spirit of improvement continues here, and recent sales of lots have been made, and preparations for building are in progress.

The excitement in this county about the Atlantic and Danville railroad has completely subsided, and I can get no information from "either end of the line" as to its prospects or when anything will be done towards construction.

## NORFOLK.

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NORFOLK, Va., June 16, 1886.  
On Wednesday evening a small steamer with passengers returning from Mantoloking and Nag's Head to Elizabeth City, N. C., when opposite Kitty Hawk, was caught in a squall on Albemarle sound and capsized. A young lady named Elberdege and a boy named Rutherford were drowned. Lieutenant Chas. W. of the life-saving service, who was in the vicinity with the Government revenue cutter, went to the rescue of the party as speedily as possible, and found the survivors clinging to the ship in every direction. In the cabin one or more ladies were rescued, having been for two hours up to their chins in water. From the cabin the drowned bodies of the young lady and boy were taken, and it is thought there are more in the boat, which will be found when the wreckers commence to work at the steamer.

The farmers around the Great-Bridge section of the county want light rains now to save their corn crop. In some sections the corn crop has been destroyed by the excessive rains.

There is a universal cry of hard times among the working people of this section. The cotton and truck season is over, and work is limited around the wharves, and the shutting of the navy-yard and the peanut factories aggravates the condition of things materially.

The people of Gloucester and Matthews counties made their annual excursion here yesterday--and "came not singly but in battalions," filling the streets in every direction.

The United States Fish-Commission steamer has been ashore on Hampton Bay for two days.

The Portsmouth Uniform Pyramids will reach home from Toronto, Canada, to-morrow.

The A. M. P. Southern District Conference is in session at St. Peter's church, Princess Anne county.

The Methodist Episcopal District Conference at Hickory Ground, in the county, adjourned to-day, after three days' interesting and profitable session.

Rev. William E. Jenkins presided. Among the visitors were Rev. Dr. Lafferty, of Richmond; Professor Smith and Professor Blackwell, of Randolph-Macon College; Rev. Dr. E. E. Ham, president of Murfreesboro' (N. C.) College, and Rev. Joseph A. Proctor, presiding elder of the Murfreesboro' district.

The Fish-Commission steamer Blue Wing returned to her Cape-Charles station last evening, having received supplies and mail, and the vessel engaged in baiting mackerel for stock in Chesapeake Bay, and is doing good work. The baiting-station is at Cape Charles City.

The work of grading the railroad from Hodge's Ferry, on the Western Branch, to the Nansemond river has commenced, and 200 men are engaged on the work. The road will lead to deep water a section of country famed for its fertility and richness.

The first new bale of cotton was received here this afternoon from Guero, Texas.

W. Silas Lassiter, a popular young man of this city, died this afternoon. He was the eldest son of Major D. C. Lassiter.

## SLIDING BOULDERS.

Excitement in the Village of Nuttallburg.

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There has been great excitement in the quiet though usually very busy little mining town of Nuttallburg, Fayette county, W. Va. The town is situated on the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, and upon the steep banks of New River, at the foot of a long ledge of rocks which threateningly tower almost perpendicularly a thousand feet above. Between the village and the top of the mountain is a dense forest of large trees.

The inhabitants lived in little security from being crushed by immense boulders and many of the little houses were built in direct line with boulders weighing thousands of tons. These rocks had never slid or rolled within the knowledge of the people, but upon Saturday afternoon last one of them came down with a slow sliding movement, accompanied with the sound of loud thunder. It crashed down im-

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